

**Resources to Prevent & Combat** 

# **HOMELESSNESS**



## **COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

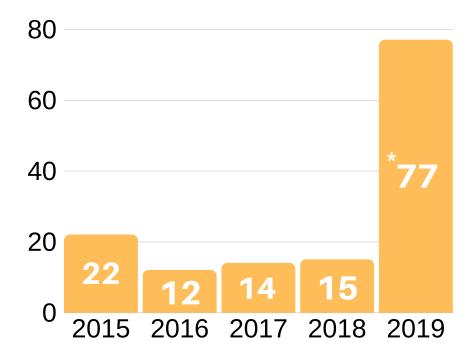
Homelessness ranks among Los Angeles County's most pressing and intractable social challenges, in a large part because of the high housing prices, stagnant wages, and cuts to social services that did not rebound following the economic crisis. This guide will help inform you how to connect individuals to services in the immediate area.

In 2017, voters recognizing the impact of homelessness on individuals and communities countywide and approved Measure H to fund services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

In August 2018, the Arcadia City Council adopted a plan to prevent and combat homelessness. (To view the full plan, visit <u>arcadiaca.gov/homeless</u>) Since that time, the City has been working alongside community partners and stakeholders to reach the goals and supporting actions to prevent and combat homelessness. By working together, everyone is functioning the same way and working towards a common goal, without duplicating efforts.

### **POINT IN TIME COUNT**

Each year, the City of Arcadia participates in the Los Angeles Services Authority's Point in Time Count. This countywide event employs volunteers to go out in the community and determine how many individuals are experiencing homelessness in the City.



\*In 2019, the County updated the method to determine how to count individuals experiencing homelessness. In the past, individuals experiencing homelessness in County Areas were added into the County's count, whereas now they are included in the City's count.

## **USER FOCUSED HELP**

#### INDIVIDUALS LA-HOP

LA-HOP is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness or struggling with physical/mental health in Los Angeles County with outreach services. The program is driven by concerned individuals wanting to help others in need. Outreach requests may be filed by any individual and will ask for specific concerns you may have regarding a person's well-being. As outreach capacity is limited, requests for those with more serious medical and/or mental health needs may be prioritized. Visit la-hop.org and make a service request through the portal.

Once a request has been made, an outreach team member will attempt to get in contact with the individual making the request to learn more about the individual in need of services. Then, the outreach team will attempt to call or go to the location entered into the portal to reach out to the individual. Once contact with the individual has been established. you will receive a follow up email confirming a team was deployed and the date of the visit. You will not receive an update about the individual to protect the confidentially of those who are served. Remember, the individual has to be open and accept the help offered. otherwise assistance may be declined.

#### FAMILIES 211 LA

211 LA is a phone based entry point for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for families in Los Angeles County. CES is a seamless, cooperative system of service delivery for homeless and at-risk families. As part of this program, 211 LA screens homeless families and certain pregnant women for basic eligibility criteria and provides linkages to Family Solutions Centers (FSCs). During after-hours, 211 LA has a limited number of emergency housing (motel vouchers) available for homeless families in need. Call 211 for more information.

#### **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

WIN = WHAT I NEED
(SPONSORED BY OUR CHILDREN LA)

WIN is free mobile app designed to empower homeless youth to connect to services. The program is also accessible via web at ourchildrenla.org/win-app/ The main categories for services include drop in programs, crisis, shelter, food, health, legal, hotlines, education, jobs, transit, government benefits and more, all just a click away!

If help in person is requested, contact: Hathaway-Sycamore Child and Family Services (16-24yrs) 100 W. Walnut St., Suite 375 Pasadena, CA 91124 626.395.7100 contact@hathaway-sycamores.org



## C.E.S. SITES

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) facilitates the collaboration and management of resources and services through the crisis response system. CES stitches existing programs together for a no wrong door approach to connecting homeless adults to the best resource for them. CES works to connect the highest need, most vulnerable individuals in the community to available housing and supportive services equitably.

#### **Case Manager with Union Station**

Tu-Th, 10am – 1pm Mari Rodriguez Arcadia Public Library 20 West Duarte Avenue, Arcadia 626.628.6495 mrodriguez@unionstationhs.org

#### Foothill Unity Center, Inc.

M-F, 9am – 5pm 790 W. Chestnut Ave. Monrovia 626.358.3486 Appointments necessary

#### Friends In Deed (Female Only)

M-W, 9am - 5pm Th, 9:00am - 2:00pm 444 E. Washington Blvd. Pasadena 626.797.2402 Appointments necessary

#### **Union Station Homeless Services – Adult Center**

M-F, 7pm - 1:30pm 412 S Raymond Ave. Pasadena 626.791.6610 info@unionstationhs.org

#### **Volunteers of America El Monte Access Center**

M-F, 9am – 5pm 4501 Santa Anita Ave. El Monte 626.442.4357

#### Volunteers of America--Pomona Homeless Outreach

M-F, 9am – 5pm 2040 N Garvey Ave. Pomona 909,593,4796

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Homelessness is not a crime. An individual experiencing homelessness needs compassion, kindness, and resources to get help.



## **SMILE**

Many individuals experiencing homelessness are treated as if they are invisible. A smile can go a long way.



## **VOLUNTEER**

Spend time giving back to an organization who serves individuals experiencing homelessness



## **DONATE**

Donate to a service provider who is able to connect individuals to the resources and services they need for long-term sustainability.

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